NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have promulgated on April 21, 1988 the Liquified Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order, 1988, to (i) control unauthorised possession and consumption of LPG (ii) regulate the storage and transportation of LPG (iii) check the sale and distribution of LPG below the standard weight (iv) control unauthorised possession, supply or sale of LPG equipment and (v) invest in designated officers of the Central/State Governments and oil companies the power of entry, search and seizure with a view to ensuring compliance with the provisions of his Order.

आयल इंडिया लिमिटेड के अर्जित लाभ में कमी

630. **श्री रशीद मसूद** : क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान आयल इंडिया लिमिटेड द्वारा अर्जित लाभों में निरन्तर कमी आई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान उसने वर्षवार कितना लाभ अर्जित किया तथा इस लाभ के कम होने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि कम्पनी तेल के कुओं की खुदाई के लिये अपनी निजी रिगें नहीं खरीद पायी है और उसे गैर सरकारी क्षेत्र से रिग किराये पर लेनी पड़ी है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कम्पनियों को अपनी निजी रिगें खरीदने के लिये कोई प्रोत्साहन न दिये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री रफीक आलम) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कर पूर्व लाभ तथा पिछली अवधि के समान योजना से पूर्व आयल इंडिया लि० द्वारा अर्जित लाभ इस प्रकार है :—

	(करोड़ रुपये)
1985–86	117.26
1986–87	90.26
1987–88	50.17

लाभ में कमी होने के मुख्य कारण ये हैं :—

i. पुराने तेल क्षेत्रों से उत्पादन को बनाये रखने के लिये आवश्यक पूंजीगत सम्पत्तियों में वृद्धि होने के कारण मूल्यह्रास में वृद्धि होना ।

ii. खोज की गतिविधियों को बढ़ाने के कारण परिशोधन में वृद्धि होना ।

iii. पुराने क्षेत्रों से उत्पादन को बनाये रखने के लिये आवश्यक अतिरिक्त साज सामान के कारण लागत मे वृद्धि ।

iv. क्षेत्रों के पुराने होने के कारण उत्पादन में कमी ।

v. असम में 1986–87 और 1987-88 के दौरान अशांति की परिस्थितियों के कारण कच्चे तेल के उत्पादन में हानि ।

(ग) और (घ) जी, नहीं । आयल इंडिया ने 1987–88 के दौरान दो रिग खरीदे थे तथा दो और रिगों के लिये बी० एच०ई०एल० को आर्डर दिया था । आयोजनागत अन्वेषण कार्यक्रमों के क्रियान्वयन के लिये आयल इंडिया जब भी आवश्यक होता है रिगों को चार्टर हायर पर लेता रहा है ।

Cash and Carry Scheme of LPG Dealers

631. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation have approved the cash and carry

scheme in respect of various LPG distributors;

(b) if so, what are the names of the distributors so authorised in the State of Haryana;

(c) if not, how the agencies in Gurgaon have introduced this scheme and are not sending LPG supply to the consumers who do not want to avail themselves of this facility for days together; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take action against such distributors.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Customers have a choice to opt for cash and carry facility in all markets of Northern Region, including the State of Haryana.

(c) No specific case has come to notice where the LPG distributors of Gurgaon have forced the customers to take refills on cash and carry basis, if they are living within the Municipal limits of Gurgaon.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

ONGC Tenders for procuring of Material for Woollen Uniforms

632. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different offices of Oil & Natural Gas Commission, Dehra Dun located at various places in the country have floated tenders for the procurement of woollen uniform material from the manufacturers;

(b) whether different dates of opening such tenders were fixed by the ONGC and which enabled the manufactures to offer and quote different prices from place to place for the given specification of the material proposed to be procured;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action is being taken to cancel/rescind such process and for floating only one tender by ONGC, Dehra Dun for the entire requirement?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) The procurement of uniforms material by ONGC has been decentralised, subject to maintaining specified stanadrds of the material like colour and quality. Therefore, each region has either already invited tenders or is in the process of floating tenders for the procurement of uniforms. Since each region would be inviting tenders separately, it is possible that date of opening of the tenders prices to be quoted etc. are different.

Decentralised procurement is necessary to ensure that uniforms are supplied in time to the employees.

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up of Oil Refineries in the Joint Sector

633. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up oil refineries in the joint sector in addition to Mangalore and Karnal Refineries; and

(b) if so, what are the locations thereof?